

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 3 and replace it with the following paragraph:

--Figure 1 illustrates the mode of action of a fusion polypeptide according to the invention comprising the peptide inhibitor Pep58X fused with the RNA binding protein MS2CP. The fusion polypeptide is designated "MS2CP-Pep58X". In the lower part of the Figure, a target messenger RNA is shown comprising a target nucleotide motif of the RNA binding protein MS2CP, which has been designated "MS2" and which is shown in the Figure by a stem-loop structure and an expression cassette of the target protein of interest. As shown in the Figure, the fused protein MS2CP makes possible the binding of the fusion polypeptide to the target messenger RNA at the level of the MS2 site, and this enables the peptide inhibitor Pep58X to exert its inhibitory biological activity specifically on the target messenger RNA (poly-A tail disclosed as SEQ ID NO: 17).--